

ATTACHMENT B
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) A sport or game progress data collection system including:

an electronic central data collection computing system for accumulating, storing and manipulating data;

a plurality of respective data input terminals for entering sport or game progress data, each of said data input terminals being respectively distributed about a field of play of said sport or game, said field of play comprising a plurality of portions corresponding to respective phases of said sport or game, so that each of said plurality of portions of said field of play is provided with one or more of said data input terminals respectively located in physical association therewith, and each of said data input terminals being automatically provided with respective identification data indicative of the portion of said field of play with which it is associated so that said respective identification data is available electronically to said respective data input terminals; and

a two way communications system for communicating between each of said respective data input terminals and said central data collection computing system;

wherein said data collection computing system is ~~operable~~ configured to calculate cumulative progress data from said progress data and to transmit said cumulative progress data to one or more of said data input terminals so that a player can access said cumulative progress data from said data input terminals;

wherein where~~by~~ each of said input terminals is configured to have progress data corresponding to a respective one of said phases of said sport or game ~~can be entered~~ by a person into any of said one or more data input terminals located in association with the portion of said sport or game that corresponds to said respective phase, and

~~wherein in~~ association therewith said communications system is configured to transmit the progress data so entered and said respective identification data of said respective data input terminals to said central data collection computing system; and

wherein where~~by~~ said computing system is configured to accumulate, store and manipulate data inputted by a participant in said sport or game as the participant can

plays or progresses through said phases in any order chosen by the participant and not determined by the computing system without providing said identification data to said respective data input terminals during said sport or game.

2. (currently amended) A data collection system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said system is ~~operable~~ configured to transmit further data from said data collection computing system to one or more of said data input terminals.

3. (previously presented) A data collection system as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said data input terminals includes an identification device for tagging any data entered into each of said data input terminals with a data tag.

4. (previously presented) A data collection system as claimed in claim 3, wherein said data collection computing system includes a memory for storing said data associated with said tag.

5. (previously presented) A data collection system as claimed in claim 3, wherein said tag indicates an identity of a person entering said data.

6. (previously presented) A data collection system as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said data input terminals includes a card reader for reading a data card.

7. (previously presented) A data collection system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said data card stores a data tag.

8. (currently amended) A data collection system as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said data input terminals includes a card writer, for storing data onto a data card, whereby said stored data ~~may be~~ is data transmitted from said data collection computing system.

9. (previously presented) A data collection system as claimed in claim 8, wherein said card writer comprises a smart card writer.

10. (previously presented) A data collection system as claimed in claim 6, wherein said card reader comprises a smart card reader.

11. (currently amended) A data collection system as claimed in claim 10, wherein each of said data input terminals is ~~operable~~ configured to associate any data entered into said data input terminal with a reference read by said smart card reader from a smart card.

12. (original) A data collection system as claimed in claim 11, wherein said reference corresponds to the identity of a person entering said data and in possession of said smart card.

13. (previously presented) A data collection system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said data comprises golf score data.

14. (previously presented) A data collection system as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said data input terminals includes a data entry terminal including a keyboard or keypad and visual display unit.

15. (previously presented) A data collection system as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said data input terminals includes a proximity sensor to detect when a user approaches one of said data input terminals, so that portions of said system can automatically power up only when required by said user and to identify the location of said user or of said data input terminal.

16. (previously presented) A data collection system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said communication system includes a wireless communication system.

17. (currently amended) A golf scoring system including:

a central score collection computer for accumulating, storing and manipulating golf scores;

a plurality of respective score input terminals for entering golf score data, each said terminal being respectively distributed about a golf course so that each of said holes is provided with one or more of said terminals respectively located in association therewith, and each of said respective terminals being automatically provided with respective identification data indicative of the hole with which it is associated so that said respective identification data is available electronically to said respective terminal; and

a two way communications system for communicating between each of said respective terminals and said central computer;

wherein said central computer is ~~operable~~ configured to calculate cumulative scores from said score data and to transmit said cumulative scores to one or more of said terminals so that a player can access said cumulative scores from said terminals;

wherein whereby each of said input terminals are configured to have golf score data corresponding to a respective one of said holes can be entered into any of said one or more input terminals located in association with said respective hole, and wherein in association therewith said communications system is configured to transmit said golf score data so entered and said respective identification data of said respective terminal to said central computer; and

wherein whereby said central computer is configured to accumulate, store and manipulate data inputted by a player can as the player plays or progresses through said holes in any order chosen by the participant and not determined by the central computer without providing said identification data to said respective terminals during the playing of said holes.

18. (currently amended) A golf scoring system as claimed in claim 17, wherein said communications system includes a radio communication system so that said terminals and said central computer ~~can~~ communicate wirelessly.

19. (currently amended) A golf scoring system as claimed in claim 17, wherein said central computer ~~can~~transmits data indicative of handicaps to said terminals.

20. (previously presented) A golf scoring system as claimed in claim 17, wherein each of said terminals includes an identification device for tagging each of said scores entered into said terminals with a corresponding data identity tag.

21. (currently amended) A golf scoring system as claimed in claim 20, wherein said central computer is ~~operable~~configured to store said data identity tags associated with said scores.

22. (currently amended) A golf scoring system as claimed in claim 20, wherein each of said tags indicates an identity of a person entering the corresponding ~~of~~ said scores.

23. (previously presented) A golf scoring system as claimed in claim 17, wherein each of said terminals includes a smart card reader, for reading data from a smart card.

24. (previously presented) A golf scoring system as claimed in claim 17, wherein each of said terminals includes a smart card writer, for storing data onto a smart card.

25. (previously presented) A golf scoring system as claimed in claim 24, wherein said stored data is data transmitted from said central computer.

26. (previously presented) A golf scoring system as claimed in claim 24, wherein said system includes said smart card.

27. (currently amended) A golf scoring system as claimed in claim 23, wherein each of said terminals is ~~operable~~configured to associate any data entered into said terminal with a reference read by said smart card reader from said smart card.

28. (previously presented) A golf scoring system as claimed in claim 27, wherein said reference corresponds to the identity of a person entering said score and in possession of said smart card.

29. (currently amended) A golf scoring system as claimed in claim 17, wherein said central computer is connected to a computer network so that (a) data stored on said central computer ~~can be~~ is accessed remotely or (b) said central computer ~~can~~ accesses golf data stored remotely.

30. (currently amended) A golf scoring system including:

a golf course with a club house;

a central score collection computer for accumulating, storing and manipulating golf scores, said central computer being located in said club house;

a plurality of respective score input terminals for entering golf score data and for distribution respectively about said golf course so that each of said holes is provided with one or more of said terminals respectively located in physical association therewith, and each of said respective terminals being automatically provided with respective identification data indicative of the hole with which it is associated so that said respective location data is available electronically to said respective terminal; and

a two way wireless communications system for communicating between each of said respective terminals and said central computer;

wherein said central computer is ~~operable~~ configured to calculate cumulative scores from said score data and to transmit said cumulative scores to one or more of said terminals so that a player can access said cumulative scores from said terminals;

wherein whereby each of said input terminals are configured to have golf score data corresponding to a respective one of said holes ~~can be~~ entered into any of said one or more input terminals located in association with said respective hole, and ~~wherein in association therewith~~ said communications system is configured to transmit said golf score data so entered and said respective identification data of said respective terminal to said central computer; and

wherein ~~whereby~~ said central computer is configured to accumulate, store and manipulate data inputted by a player ~~can as the player plays~~ or progresses through said holes in any order chosen by the participant and not determined by the central computer without providing said identification data to said respective terminals during the playing of said holes.

31. (currently amended) A method for golf scoring including the steps of:

providing each of the holes of a golf course with at least one score input terminal located in physical association therewith;

automatically providing each of said terminals with identification data indicative the hole with which it is associated so that said respective identification data is available electronically to said respective terminal;

progressively entering a respective golf score data corresponding to a respective hole into a respective one of said terminals located in association with said respective hole;

transmitting each respective said golf score data and said respective identification data from each respective said terminal to a central score collection computer for accumulating, storing and manipulating of the respective transmitted golf scores;

storing each respective transmitted said golf score data on said central computer;
and

calculating a cumulative score from said score data with said central computer, and transmitting said cumulative score from said central computer to one or more of said terminals so that a person can access said cumulative score from said terminals;
and

configuring the central computer so that ~~whereby~~ a player can play or progress through said holes in any order chosen by the participant and not determined by the central computer without providing said identification data to said respective terminals during the playing of said holes.

32-33. (canceled)

34. (previously presented) A method for golf scoring as claimed in claim 31, including calculating handicap data with said central computer.

35. (original) A method for golf scoring as claimed in claim 34, including transmitting said handicap data from said central computer to said terminal.

36. (cancelled)

37. (previously presented) A method for golf scoring as claimed in claim 31, including progressively entering said score after each hole of said golf course.

38. (previously presented) A method for golf scoring as claimed in claim 31, including entering identification data into said input terminal associated with said score and storing said score and data calculated therefrom identified with said identification data.

39. (original) A method for golf scoring as claimed in claim 38, wherein said entering identification data includes reading said identification data from a smart card.

40. (original) A method for golf scoring as claimed in claim 39, including storing said score on said smart card.

41. (previously presented) A system as claimed in claim 1, including a display for displaying said progress data and the location of said respective data input terminal.

42. (previously presented) A system as claimed in claim 17, including a display for displaying said golf scores and the location of said respective terminal.

43. (previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 31, including displaying said golf scores and the location of said respective terminal.